

Councillor Freeman - QoN - Peacock Road Cycle Route

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Eleanor Freeman

Public

Contact Officer:
Mike Philippou, Acting Director City Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Eleanor Freeman will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Which City of Adelaide strategies identify Peacock Road as a strategic cycling route, and when were these strategies adopted by Council?
2. What strategic role and function is Peacock Road intended to perform within the City of Adelaide's cycling network, and what infrastructure treatments are identified as necessary to support that function?
3. Which organisations or stakeholders have been involved in determining the preferred design of the Peacock Road Cycle Route, and what preference was determined?
4. Which existing and planned cycling routes will the Peacock Road Cycle Route connect to, and have any of those routes been recently upgraded by Local or State Governments? If so, what was the combined value of those upgrades?
5. Have external funding partners made a financial contribution to the design and delivery of the Peacock Road Cycle Route?
6. Following the delivery of the Peacock Road Cycle Route, will free on-street car parking be retained for ongoing public use?

REPLY

1. Peacock Road is identified as a strategic cycling (micromobility) route in the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS), which was endorsed by Council in July 2025. It had also been identified as a key cycling route in City of Adelaide's previous transport strategy, Smart Move. Peacock Road is part of the 'City Spine' in Strategy 3 of City Plan 2036, which identifies the north south corridor for increased development with integrated sustainable transport outcomes, with better public transport, walking/wheeling and cycling outcomes. City Plan 2036 was endorsed by Council in September 2024.
2. Peacock Road is classified as a C1 strategic cycling (micromobility) route and is part of the Mike Turtur Bikeway. For the volume (and speeds) of motorised vehicles, the suitable infrastructure needed to support this function is a protected cycle lane or cycle path (please refer to extract from the ITS below). The existing shared path and bicycle lanes (in the door zone and unprotected from adjacent vehicles) are unsuitable facilities, meaning that people who are 'interested but concerned' are unlikely to be comfortable using the route. It is also a key walking/wheeling route (W3) with desirable width 3m for people moving by, walking or wheeling unaided or using an aid to mobility. Census data indicates that over 10% of city workers come from Unley and Mitcham LGAs and could use this route, helping to reduce congestion associated with the commuter peak. Cordon counts and Super Tuesday counts indicate that the corridor is the second busiest cycle commuter route to/from the city.

Cycling (micromobility) - definitions

C1

Regional Cycling Routes

Description: High priority cycling routes that connect the capital city with Urban Activity Centres and other significant destinations.

Facility: Cycle path/ protected cycle lane. Cycle lane or mixed traffic eg cycle street may be suitable as per All Ages & Abilities Cycle Facility Selection Tool table - with high LOS outcome. Shared paths should be avoided.

C2

District Cycling Routes

Description: Routes that connect major activity centres with each other and with C-1 routes, creating a comprehensive high-quality network linking important destinations. Recreational trails of district significance are also part of C-2 level route network.

Facility: Cycle path/ protected cycle lane. Cycle lane or mixed traffic eg cycle street

An All Ages and Abilities Cycle Facility Selection Tool (Austroads)

Speed Limit*	Two-way traffic flow (peak hour pcus)	Off-road cycle track	Raised cycle track adjacent to kerb	On-road Protected Cycle Lane	Painted Cycle Lane	Mixed Traffic
20 km/h	< 200					
20 km/h	200-400					
20 km/h	> 400					
30 km/h	< 200					
30 km/h	200-400					
30 km/h	> 400					
40 km/h	< 200					
40 km/h	200-400					
40 km/h	> 400					
50 km/h	< 200					
50 km/h	200 - 400					
50 km/h	> 400					
60 km/h	Any					

*If the 85th percentile motor traffic speed data is recorded/available and is more than 10% above the speed limit, the next highest speed limit should be applied. Assumes adequate buffer from general traffic.

3. The Peacock Road route, including the expected suitable typology, was included in the draft ITS, that was approved by Council for the purposes of community engagement. Extensive engagement was completed and presented to Council prior to final endorsement in July 2025. DIT as a funding partner for the Peacock Road cycling project and adjacent road authority (Greenhill Road), has been involved extensively in the development of the detailed design. Consultation undertaken during the options development and assessment included DIT, City of Unley, Bus SA and a cross section of internal stakeholders.
4. In June 2026, surrounding community and businesses were notified of the final proposed design for the Peacock Road Cycle Route through the installation of signage, via letterbox drop and direct mail to Park Lands organisations, Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Parks 20) and Veale Park / Waylu Yarta (Park 21). As part of this engagement, community members were invited to view the final plans and find out more details on the necessary changes to parking via the City of Adelaide webpage. To date, feedback from community has been positive and generally related to cycling matters, including the retention of the shared use path on the western side of Peacock Road.
5. The award of National Road Safety Program funding was based on a 'quick to build' (lower cost) design concept for Peacock Road (eg rubber kerbs and flexi-posts on both sides of the road). As part of design development an option analysis was undertaken and the preferred the design was determined by CoA based on alignment with strategic outcomes including safety and user comfort (including pedestrian and cyclist conflict), and impacts to trees, parking and road operations. Stakeholder feedback has been considered in this assessment and in the detailed design.
6. The Peacock Road cycle route connects into:
 - 6.1. Mike Turtur Bikeway: shared path towards Glenelg
 - 6.2. King William Street, Adelaide (existing painted cycle lanes without buffer (and in door zone), with 50km/h speed limit)
 - 6.3. King William Road, Unley
 - 6.4. South Terrace (existing shared path – Park Lands Trail, which also links to north-south route 300m west of Peacock Road along Owen Street-Russell Street-Compton Street for the Adelaide Central Market).
 - 6.5. Future path along the south side of the Park Lands, which is at the planning phase (led of the City of Unley and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport).
7. The City of Unley King William Road Streetscape Upgrade is being completed. Works on the northern end of King William Road (adjacent to Peacock Road) include widening of the shared path to 4m and the southbound cycle lane to 1.5m with 0.5m buffer. The project cost is \$2.344m (based on Special Local Roads Program 25/26) and it is co-funded between the City of Unley and the State Government. [King William Road Streetscape Upgrade \(Stage 1 & 2\) | City of Unley](#)

8. The Peacock Road Cycle Route project is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments as part of the National Road Safety Program. City of Adelaide received a \$500,000 grant. Final details of the total project cost will be confirmed following the completion of procurement, which is currently underway.
9. As there is finite street space, it will need to be shared differently to create a safer outcome for all street users, so depending on the time of day, car parking availability will change such that the safe cycle facility can be provided.
 - 9.1 Some parking changes are required to align with the 'clearway' parking restrictions on Greenhill Road and to help minimise the impact on congestion and road safety whilst balancing parking requirements for the Park Lands noting that some parking spaces have been removed.
 - 9.2 The remaining parking will be retained as free 4 hour parking with 'clearway' parking restrictions in the peak directions.
10. Parking surveys undertaken for the project indicated spaces have high occupancy on weekdays ([Link 1](#)) but by commuters who are staying for the day or rotating their vehicle to avoid overstaying the 4-hour parking zone. Commuter parking is not supported by policy, with parking on Park Lands roads usually primarily to serve Park Lands users. While the parking controls in relation to the on-street car parking will not change as part of the project, they will be subject to a separate review.

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Councillor Davis - QoN - Hindley Street Precinct

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

'For the purposes of these questions, "Hindley Street precinct" means Hindley Street and the surrounding streets that contribute to the night-time economy and entertainment precinct, including but not limited to Bank Street, Leigh Street and Peel Street (and those further in the West).

1. How many massage parlours are currently operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
2. How many convenience stores are currently operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
3. As at or around November 2022, how many massage parlours were operating in the Hindley Street precinct?
4. As at or around November 2022, how many convenience stores were operating in the Hindley Street precinct?

REPLY

1. Based on ground level visible shopfronts, there are 11 businesses offering massage services in the Hindley Street precinct (as defined above).
2. There are currently 17 convenience stores operating in the Hindley Street precinct.
3. There is no physical count of the number of massage parlours operating in the Hindley Street Precinct in November 2022. Based on Australian Business Register explorer data and historical imagery from Google Streetview, it is estimated that there were nine businesses offering massage services at around that time.
4. There is no physical count of the number of convenience stores operating in the Hindley Street Precinct in November 2022. Based on Australian Business Register explorer data, and historical imagery from Google Streetview, it is estimated that there were six convenience stores at around that time.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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Councillor Davis - QoN - Tree Martin
Bird Droppings in Rundle Mall

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

- 1. Is the Administration aware of the strong odour caused by the accumulation of Tree Martin bird droppings in parts of Rundle Mall?
- 2. Does the Administration consider it acceptable for South Australia's premier retail and shopping precinct to have areas that smell strongly of bird droppings?
- 3. Does the Administration consider the current mitigation measures for Tree Martin bird droppings to have been successful? If so, what objective criteria has been used to reach that conclusion?
- 4. Was the odour from Tree Martin bird droppings present during Gather Round 2026, and does the Administration expect the same issue to exist during Gather Round 2027 if no further action is taken?
- 5. If the Administration accepts that the current mitigation measures have not resolved the issue, what additional actions are proposed, and when are they expected to be implemented?

REPLY

- 1. The Administration first observed increased odour associated with Tree Martin roosting in Rundle Mall in early April 2026 following the season's first significant rain after an extended dry spell.
- 2. This was communicated to Council Members via E-news on 10 April 2026 ([Link 1](#)).
- 3. Gather Round 2026 was held in April 2026, during the peak Tree Martin roosting season, when the colony was actively roosting in Rundle Mall.
- 4. As part of its planned response for the 2025/26 roosting season and following arrival of the Tree Martins in December 2025, additional pressure cleaning has been undertaken in the affected areas.
- 5. In response to odour reports in April 2026, cleaning efforts increased further to include daytime deodorising and daily drain-cleaning to maintain amenity in Rundle Mall and surrounds.
- 6. No further complaints regarding odour have been received since April 2026.
- 7. Odour is influenced by variable factors such as rainfall, temperature and roost size at any given time.
- 8. A report on mitigation measures and proposed future actions is scheduled for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee on 4 August 2026, pending conclusion of the Tree Martin roosting period.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours
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Councillor Couros - QoN - External Consultants

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the Administration advise:

1. What is the total amount the City of Adelaide has spent on external consultants over the past 18 months?
2. Can this expenditure be broken down by consultant, project, purpose of the engagement and cost?
3. Which Council portfolio each engagement relates to?
4. What procurement process was used for each engagement (tender, quotation or direct appointment)?
5. Were any of the services provided by external consultants considered capable of being undertaken by existing Council staff, and if so, why was an external consultant engaged?
6. What opportunities have been identified to reduce expenditure on external consultants in future budgets?

REPLY

1. The terms "consultancy services" and "professional services" are often used interchangeably. In broad terms professional services refers to specialised services provided by qualified professionals who apply expertise, skills, or accreditation to perform work for a client. Examples would include Council's engagement of an independent auditor, legal services providers, and property valuation services. It would also include engaging planning, engineering, and urban design expertise engaged in support of specific capital projects of the City of Adelaide.
2. Consultancy (or consulting) services are a subset of professional services that focus on providing advice, recommendations, analysis, and strategic guidance. Examples might include business strategy reviews, process improvement assessments, technology roadmap development, organisational restructuring advice, financial modelling and business case development.
3. As the question is not clear exactly what is meant by "external consultant", and because the City of Adelaide uses the broader term "Professional services" in categorising services provided by external providers, information summarising use of professional services (which includes consulting services) is provided below:

City Community	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Public Art Action Plan; Future Libraries Business Case; Live Music Industry and Events; City of Adelaide website redevelopment; consulting services for Tree Martins; Compliance and Assessments of Buildings; Permit and Development Assessments.	\$1,239,869
City Infrastructure	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Condition audit and unit rate determination associated with asset revaluations; development of Integrated Transport Strategy; Property Development; actioning internal audit findings.	\$3,674,439
City Shaping	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Plant & Fleet Asset Management Plan; Cleansing service standards and service pilot; Tree Martin Management; World Heritage Bid; Design Code Amendment Program; Disability Access and Inclusion Plan; National Heritage Implementation Plan; Dry Areas Evaluation; City of Adelaide Housing Strategy Implementation; Key Biodiversity Area Management Plan; Adaptive Re-use Housing Initiative (ARCHI).	\$2,587,189
Corporate Services	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Adelaide Central Market Expansion Operational Preparedness; City Brand Development; Investment Attraction Program; Tourism and Business Attraction; AEDA Summit; Visitor Growth; Valuations for rating purposes; External Procurement services; Supplementary and General Election; ESCOSA review; Research and Community Engagement; External Recruitment; Safety and Wellbeing.	\$3,775,676
Office of the Chief Executive	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	\$800
Total Operational Spend		\$11,277,974
Capital	Expenditure includes activity associated with: Engineering, Design and Project Management services associated with the delivery of the capital program,	\$12,363,065
Total Professional Services		\$23,641,039

4. The total amount expended on professional services from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2026 was \$23.641 million, of which \$11.278 million is operations-related, and \$12.363 million is capital project-related.
5. Professional services activity has been broken down by portfolio. Because the quantity and diversity of the professional services activities would require a significant body of work to create a complete list, an indicative summary of activities (purpose of the engagement) has been included.
6. The breakdown requested of individual services providers engaged during the period has not been provided, as these are matters of commercial confidentiality. The providers would each need to be consulted and approve release of details in relation to their engagement.
7. Information on the specific procurement method applied to each individual consultancy engagement is not readily available due to their diversity and frequency. However, all consultancy engagements were undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Procurement Procedures, which require the procurement method to be determined based on factors such as the value, nature and complexity of the engagement. Procurement processes may have included quotations, public tenders or direct appointments, as permitted under Council's procurement framework.
8. External professional services were engaged where specialist independent expertise and advice, additional resourcing capacity, or specific technical skills were required that were not available within Council's existing workforce. In some cases, consultants were also engaged to meet project timelines, provide an independent assessment, or undertake short-term work that did not justify the recruitment of permanent staff.

9. Council continually reviews its use of external consultants and seeks to minimise expenditure wherever practical. Opportunities to reduce future consultancy expenditure include further developing internal capability and expertise, improving workforce planning, enhancing knowledge transfer from consultants to Council staff, and prioritising the use of existing resources where appropriate.
10. However, there will continue to be circumstances where engaging external consultants represents the most effective and efficient approach, particularly in relation to capital projects, where specialist expertise, independent advice, additional short-term capacity, or regulatory requirements require skills that are not available within Council's existing workforce, and which because of their project-based nature would not be added to the ongoing workforce.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Expenditure on Legal Services

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the Administration provide a report outlining:

1. The total expenditure on legal services for the past 3 years
2. The amount separated and detailed by:-
 - o external legal advisers;
 - o barristers and senior counsel;
 - o litigation and court proceedings;
 - o employment and industrial relations matters;
 - o governance and general legal advice
 - o and any other advice provided with description for advice requested
3. Detail which legal firm provided advice on each item?'

REPLY

1. The total expenditure on legal services for the years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 are below. This includes costs of provision of legal services by external providers, and excludes costs which may flow from legal outcomes (for example payments from Council ordered by a court resulting from conclusion of a legal case).
 - 1.1. 2023/24 - \$1.167 million
 - 1.2. 2024/25 – \$0.886 million
 - 1.3. 2025/26 (preliminary) - \$1.020 million
2. A summary of Council's legal expenditure over the requested period has been provided below.

Type	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Aquatic Centre advice	61,245	14,191	10,800
Conflict of Interest Advice	5,315	-	-
Court of Disputed returns	26,497	23,698	-

Elected Member Behaviour / Complaint	73,323	64,830	38,072
Elected Member Training	3,890	-	1,030
Employment Relations	160,882	269,838	215,694
Freedom of Information advice	37,162	38,354	33,171
General Advice	637,986	265,851	467,873
Kadaltilla Trademark	800	-	-
Land Management Agreement	14,327	29,358	90,954
Land Management Agreement advice	-	795	-
Lease agreement advice	8,081	13,051	13,945
Legal representation for expiation dispute	11,311	500	6,393
MotoGP	-	-	4,578
North Adelaide Golf Course	-	16,717	39,117
Procurement contract advice	59,857	34,301	7,770
Rating Advice	17,258	5,525	25,750
Section 270 Review	23,903	72,253	25,515
Trademark	2,737	9,735	19,542
Legal Dispute	19,663	22,015	2,397
Voters Roll Advice	2,652	4,957	17,430
Grand Total	1,166,889	885,969	1,020,030

3. The breakdown requested of external legal advisers engaged during the period has not been provided, as these are matters of commercial confidentiality. The providers would each need to be consulted and approve release of details in relation to their engagement.
4. Council approved a panel of legal advisers on 24 June 2025, for a three year period with two possible two year extensions (3 + 2 + 2). Except where further ad hoc specialist legal advice is required beyond that defined in the panel agreement, firms listed in the City of Adelaide's legal services panel are used to provide all external legal advice, in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.
5. Legal services firms listed on the panel are Cowell Clarke; Minter Ellison; Norman Waterhouse; Mellor Olsson; Wallmans; and Kelledy Jones.
6. Council's legal expenditure reflects the breadth, complexity and regulatory obligations associated with operating a large and diverse local government organisation.
7. Legal services are engaged across a wide range of functions, including governance, planning and development, property transactions, procurement, employment matters, behavioural matters, regulatory compliance, litigation, risk management and statutory decision-making.
8. Legal advice is obtained through two primary mechanisms:
 - 8.1. **Specialist legal advice** commissioned directly by individual business units where specific expertise is required to support operational or project outcomes; and
 - 8.2. **General legal services** managed through the corporate legal budget to support organisation-wide governance, compliance and advisory requirements.
9. As a result, legal expenditure is distributed across multiple cost centres, projects and operational areas, reflecting the varied nature of Council's activities. Providing a more detailed breakdown of legal costs by matter, subject area, legal practitioner or individual advisor is considerably more complex again.
10. Given the breadth and complexity of Council's operations, the volume and variety of legal invoices received over a three-year period is substantial. Many invoices relate to multiple matters and may include disbursements and third-party costs, such as barristers' fees, expert advice, court filing fees and other associated legal expenses, which are not always separately coded within Council's financial systems.
11. Producing a comprehensive analysis at a more granular level would therefore require a significant manual review of invoices, supporting documentation and financial records to accurately attribute costs to individual matters and service categories. This work would involve reviewing, interpreting and categorising historical records to ensure expenditure is appropriately allocated and reported.
12. It is estimated that this work would require the equivalent of approximately one full-time employee for a minimum period of two months to review, reconcile and categorise the relevant records.

13. Undertaking this work would require the reprioritisation of existing work programs and resources to accommodate the request, and Council should therefore consider the additional value of the information sought relative to the organisational resources required to produce it.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 15.5 hours.
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Councillor Couros - QoN - Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant Funding

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Mike Philippou, Acting Director City Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration provide a report detailing the expenditure of the \$1 million State Government grant provided for the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street, including:

1. A detailed breakdown of all expenditure to date, identifying each individual project, item or activity funded, the supplier (where applicable), and the amount spent on each item.
2. The total amount of the grant that has been expended, the amount that remains unspent, and any commitments against the remaining funds.
3. The anticipated timeline for expenditure of the remaining balance, including the projects or works it is proposed to fund.
4. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street Car Park wayfinding/real-time parking signage, including:
 - a. the reason for the delay in its installation;
 - b. the expected installation date?

REPLY

1. The \$1.0 million State Government grant was provided to support the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street in line with the Melbourne Street Master Plan. The grant funds the following project elements:
 - 1.1. Rationalisation of street furniture
 - 1.2. Temporary footpath extensions
 - 1.3. Entry statement banners and brackets
 - 1.4. Under-veranda festoon lighting
 - 1.5. Suspended and on-street planter boxes
 - 1.6. Dunn Street electronic car park sign (currently in progress).
2. These works support the Melbourne Street Master Plan by refreshing the public realm, improving accessibility, promoting the Dunn Street Car Park, and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

3. As at 30 June 2026, expenditure from the Melbourne Street Revitalisation State Government grant valued at \$1.0m is as follows:

Scope Element	Actuals	Remaining commitments	Total incl. commitments
Rationalisation of street furniture	\$312,924.67	\$204.80	\$313,129.47
Temporary footpath extensions	\$35,155.22	\$0.00	\$35,155.22
Entry statement banners and brackets	\$5,995.68	\$0.00	\$5,995.68
Under-veranda festoon lighting	\$15,695.32	\$0.00	\$15,695.32
Suspended / light-pole planter boxes	\$95,150.00	\$0.00	\$95,150.00
Dunn Street electronic car park sign	\$7,700.00	\$143,235.00	\$150,935.00
Prelims / project-wide costs	\$44,125.88	\$0.00	\$44,125.88
Total	\$516,746.77	\$143,439.80	\$660,186.57

4. The current forecast total project cost is estimated at **\$775,000**, which includes the remainder of the work for the Dunn Street electronic signage and the proposed expansion of suspended planter boxes if endorsed by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).
5. A funding period extension has been approved by DIT to enable completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign and associated works.
6. Council has also requested that any remaining grant underspend be reallocated towards the Melbourne Street wombat crossings and additional suspended planter boxes. These requests were submitted to DIT and discussions have occurred. Council is awaiting formal advice from DIT regarding the proposed suspended planter box expansion.
7. The remaining Melbourne Street Revitalisation grant funding is expected to be spent during the 2026/27 financial year. A detailed outline of the remaining works is provided below:
- 7.1. completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign, including fabrication, installation, power connection, testing and commissioning;
 - 7.2. installation of the electrical conduit and SA Power Networks connection works;
 - 7.3. removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage, including associated pavement reinstatement; and
 - 7.4. if approved by DIT, installation of additional suspended planter boxes along Melbourne Street.
8. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street car park wayfinding/real-time parking signage is as follows:
- 8.1. The Dunn Street electronic car park sign has taken longer than originally anticipated due to the complexity of the project. During delivery, SA Power Networks advised that the sign would require a metered electrical supply, requiring additional design work and approvals. The project also required Development Approval, contractor procurement, and coordination of power supply arrangements.
 - 8.2. These additional requirements delayed fabrication, installation and commissioning of the sign.
 - 8.3. Fabrication of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign is underway, with the footing completed and installation expected to occur during July 2026.
9. Following installation, the remaining works include electrical conduit installation, SA Power Networks connection works, testing and commissioning of the sign, and removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage before the system becomes operational.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - 2026 Local Government Elections Timeline

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Due to the postponement of the 2026 local government elections to April 2027, will the Administration advise:

1. Whether the timeline for enrolment on the Council voters roll, including enrolment for non-resident property owners, businesses and other eligible electors, will be revised to reflect the new election date;
2. When the revised enrolment period is expected to commence and close;
3. How and when eligible electors will be notified of the revised enrolment deadlines; and
4. Whether the City of Adelaide intends to undertake any additional communication or awareness campaign to maximise voter enrolment ahead of the April 2027 election?'

REPLY

1. The *Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026* (the Amendment Act) ([Link 1](#)) was passed by Parliament on Thursday 25 June 2026 and received royal assent on Thursday 2 July 2026.
2. By virtue of the Amendment Act, the date for the periodic election has been changed on the basis that voting at the elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of April in 2027, being Wednesday 7 April 2027.
3. The Amendment Act also changes subsequent periodic elections on the basis that voting at the elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2031, and then such elections will be held at intervals of 4 years on the basis that voting at the subsequent elections will close at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2035, at 5 pm on the third to last business day before the second Saturday of November in 2039, and so on.
4. Transitional Provisions contained within the Amendment Act provide that the periodic elections that would, but for the Amendment Act, have been held in 2026 will be held in 2027 (the 2027 periodic elections) in accordance with section 5(1) of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* (as amended).
5. The effect of the Transitional Provisions is that the relevant dates for enrolment, nomination as a candidate and voting in 2027 will be adjusted to align with the new date for the close of voting.
6. The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) has released the official timetable for the 2027 periodic elections, and key dates include:
 - Roll close: Monday 4 January 2027

- Nominations open: Tuesday 26 January 2027
 - Nominations close: Tuesday 9 February 2027
 - Close of voting (Polling Day): 5pm, Wednesday 7 April 2027
 - Scrutiny and count: 9am, Saturday 10 April 2027
7. The caretaker period will commence no later than Tuesday 9 February 2027 and continue until the conclusion of the elections.
 8. The Office of Local Government (OLG) the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) and ECSA have each updated the relevant dates on their websites and will commence disseminating information relating to the 2027 periodic elections dates in due course.
 9. At the City of Adelaide, a fulsome campaign had already commenced seeking enrolments from owners and occupiers of property within the City and North Adelaide.
 10. A significant driver of this campaign is linked to the amendments that commenced on 1 January 2026, relating to bodies corporate, groups and State electors. This has included, amongst other things, a significant mailout as required under Schedule 1, Part 2 of the *City of Adelaide Act 1988* (the CoA Act).
 11. The timing of the marketing and communications plan is based on the latest information received from ECSA. Once finalised, Council Members will receive an update, which will clearly outline who, how and when we will notify electors and prospective nominees.
 12. As provided in the CEO briefing, *Elections 2026: Make it Your Business – Enrol to Vote*, held on 19 May 2026, the City of Adelaide marketing and communications plan for the now cancelled elections included:
 - Dedicated website pages
 - Election Navigator tool
 - Social Media Tiles
 - Vox Pop videos
 - Newsletters
 - Presentations
 - Dedicated Election Team.
 13. The Election Team is presently working with the Marketing and Communications Team to update or amend collateral as necessary including:
 - Website updates completed, including a review of readability and realignment of content.
 - Nomination forms updated to reflect the revised electoral timetable.
 - Email signature blocks updated (completed).
 - Review of existing video content underway to identify required updates to enrolment closing dates.
 - Mandarin-language video being finalised.
 - New informational flyers being developed for distribution to all owners and occupiers of property within the City of Adelaide and North Adelaide.
 - New marketing campaign being finalised, including social media scheduling (CoA and Lord Mayor), release of the vox pop video, flyer and letter mail-outs, and key messaging.
 - Draft correspondence being finalised, including the timing and content of follow-up enrolment reminder letters.
 14. Collectively, these initiatives will form a sustained and significant enrolment and engagement campaign aimed at increasing enrolment nominations and strengthening voter participation in the 2027 periodic elections.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply

To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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Councillor Martin - QoN - City Data

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'With the recent conclusion of the previous financial year, is AEDA able to provide any preliminary advice about the year's percentage increases or decreases throughout the City's main streets in relation to;

1. Retail shopfront tenancies
2. Activity levels
3. Visitation and foot traffic
4. Hotel performance indicators?'

REPLY

1. Retail shopfront tenancies.
 - 1.1. Based on the Adelaide Economic Development Agency's (AEDA) main street tenancy audit, the average shop front vacancy rate declined from 9.9% in Q1 2025 (March 2025) to 9.0% in Q1 2026 (March 2026). The figures for individual main streets are:

Main street	Q1 2025 vacancy	Q1 2026 vacancy	Change
Hindley Street	17%	15%	↓ 2 pts
Hutt Street	12%	9%	↓ 3 pts
Rundle Street	9%	7%	↓ 2 pts
King William Street	16%	14%	↓ 2 pts
Melbourne Street	3%	2%	↓ 1 pt
O'Connell Street	8%	9%	↑ 1 pt
Gouger Street	11%	10%	↓ 1 pt
Grote Street	8%	12%	↑ 4 pts
Halifax Street	0%	5%	↑ 5 pts

2. Activity levels.

- 2.1. According to the Activity Level Barometer which provides an overall indication of city activity by combining key indicators such as footfall, nominal expenditure, public transport validations and parking transactions, overall activity levels remained broadly stable in April 2026, with the activity score broadly on par with April 2025, holding at 86. April 2026 activity was around 2% below the 12-month mean, although this was a slightly stronger position than April 2025, when activity was 2.7% below the 12-month mean.
- 2.2. Activity level data is available at a city-wide level only, as not all data sources used in this model provide street level information. Activity level information is available only until April, as the parking transaction data provider is currently undertaking methodological changes.

3. Visitation and foot traffic

- 3.1. Visitation and foot traffic data is provided through Council's sensor network. Most main streets recorded an increase with Gouger and Hindley Streets registering a decline in visitation.

Visitation/foot traffic throughout the City's main streets				
	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	Difference	Diff as %
East End	15,402,255	14,354,703	1,047,552	7.3%
Hutt Street	2,578,594	2,461,747	116,847	4.7%
O'Connell St	2,816,936	2,596,022	220,914	8.5%
Gouger St	1,169,442	1,275,949	-106,507	-8.3%
Market Precinct	7,652,191	7,299,947	352,244	4.8%
Hindley Precinct	21,353,211	21,459,331	-106,120	-0.5%

4. Hotel performance indicators

- 4.1. Hotel performance for the City of Adelaide strengthened over the rolling 12 months to May 2026, supported by higher demand, improved occupancy and stronger room revenue outcomes.

Rolling 12-month hotel performance to May 2026		
Key Indicators	12-month result to May 2026	12-month change (%)
Occupancy	76.20%	6.20%
Supply (number of rooms available for sale)	2.8 million	-1% (approx.)
Demand (number of rooms sold)	2.1 million	5.90%
ADR (Average daily rate)	\$151	6.90%
RevPAR (Revenue per available room)	\$115	13.50%

- 4.2. Hotel performance indicators are available at a city-wide level and not at the street-level.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours
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Councillor Martin - QoN - AEDA Sponsorships

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise;

1. What is the policy of AEDA in relation to staff or contractors receiving goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships
2. Have staff or contractors received goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships and, if so, on how many occasions and what has been the approximate dollar value, and
3. If the provision of goods and/or services provided to staff or contractors has been agreed as part of sponsorship agreements or as a result of sponsorship arrangements, where and how has it been reported?'

REPLY

1. The Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) works within the City of Adelaide's policy framework. Staff do not receive any goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships.
2. No - staff or contractors have not received goods and/or services (apart from event tickets and hospitality) as part of agreements related to sponsorship of external events or of AEDA events or as a result of the sponsorships.
3. Should goods and/or services be received they would be recorded on Council's Gifts and Benefits Register consistent with the obligations in Council's policies.

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